

Guide to labour statistics

Learn about our different labour measures, their purpose and how to use them

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Two new guides are now available:

- [Labour Force Survey products and data item guide \(/statistics/understanding-statistics/guide-labour-statistics/labour-force-survey-products-and-data-item-guide\)](#) – which provides a comprehensive overview of products, data items and outputs available from the Labour Force Survey (LFS)
- [Hours worked guide \(/statistics/understanding-statistics/guide-labour-statistics/hours-worked-guide\)](#) – which describes the range of hours worked data available, the various data sources and the different features and uses of the measures and sources

Overview

The Guide to labour statistics is a useful tool for policy analysts, researchers, journalists, and anyone else interested in the Australian labour market and ABS labour statistics.

It provides summary information on a range of labour market topics that we are often asked for clarifying advice on, identifying relevant ABS measures and how they are best used, including:

- [About labour statistics \(/statistics/understanding-statistics/guide-labour-statistics/about-labour-statistics-guide\)](#)
- [Earnings guide \(/statistics/understanding-statistics/guide-labour-statistics/earnings-guide\)](#)

- [Gender pay gap guide \(/statistics/understanding-statistics/guide-labour-statistics/gender-pay-gap-guide\)](/statistics/understanding-statistics/guide-labour-statistics/gender-pay-gap-guide)
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- [Regional labour market data guide \(/statistics/understanding-statistics/guide-labour-statistics/regional-labour-market-data-guide\)](/statistics/understanding-statistics/guide-labour-statistics/regional-labour-market-data-guide)
- [Hours worked guide \(/statistics/understanding-statistics/guide-labour-statistics/hours-worked-guide\)](/statistics/understanding-statistics/guide-labour-statistics/hours-worked-guide) (new)
- [Labour Force Survey products and data item guide \(/statistics/understanding-statistics/guide-labour-statistics/wip-labour-force-survey-products-guide\)](/statistics/understanding-statistics/guide-labour-statistics/wip-labour-force-survey-products-guide) (new)

The guide also now includes information on [recent and upcoming developments in Labour statistics \(/statistics/understanding-statistics/guide-labour-statistics/labour-statistics-recent-and-upcoming-developments\)](/statistics/understanding-statistics/guide-labour-statistics/labour-statistics-recent-and-upcoming-developments) – which provides an overview of developments in the ABS Labour Statistics Program, and emerging priorities, that will help shape labour statistics into the future.

Additional guides will be added in the future. To ensure we have guides on the most relevant topics, as well as the most useful information within these guides, we welcome feedback via [labour.statistics@abs.gov.au \(mailto:labour.statistics@abs.gov.au\)](mailto:labour.statistics@abs.gov.au).

These guides complement the detailed information on underlying concepts and types of data sources in [Labour Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods \(/statistics/detailed-methodology-information/concepts-sources-methods/labour-statistics-concepts-sources-and-methods/latest-release\)](/statistics/detailed-methodology-information/concepts-sources-methods/labour-statistics-concepts-sources-and-methods/latest-release).